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ECONOMIC INDICATORS, QUEENSLAND, NOVEMBER 1994

MAIN FEATURES

- The all groups Brisbane Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 0.9% from June quarter 1994 to September quarter 1994, resulting in an annual increase (September quarter 1993 to September quarter 1994) of 2.4%. Health and personal care (up 6.0%) and tobacco and alcohol (up 4.4%) contributed most to this increase.
- Queensland's trend estimate unemployment rate remains constant at 9.1% for 3 consecutive months ending October 1994. This is lower than the comparable trend estimate figure for Australia of 9.3%. Employment in Queensland in trend estimate terms increased by 4,900 persons to 1,453,300 persons from September 1994 to October 1994. Job vacancies in Queensland increased 109.8% to 12,800 from July 1994 to August 1994.
- The number of persons employed in the communication services industry (which includes postal and courier services and telecommunications services) showed the largest increase of all industries in Queensland of 34.6% for the 12 months ending August 1994. Over the same period, however, persons employed in government administration and defence decreased 33.1%.
- The value of all building approved in Queensland decreased 12.2% from August 1994 to September 1994 and decreased 17.1% for the 12 months ending September 1994. Interest rates on new housing loans increased to 9.50% in September 1994 after 11 consecutive months at 8.75%. Housing finance for owner occupation in Queensland increased 6.9% from July 1994 to August 1994 and 18.2% from August 1993 to August 1994.
- Trend estimates of new motor vehicle registrations in Queensland decreased for the fourth consecutive quarter. Trend estimates for passenger vehicles and total new motor vehicle registrations decreased 2.9% and 3.5%, respectively, for the month ending September 1994.
- Personal finance commitments for the month ending August 1994 increased 16.0% and for the 12 months ending August 1994 increased 27.7%. Commercial finance commitments increased 10.7% for the month ending August 1994 and 24.6% for the 12 months ending August 1994. Lease finance commitments increased 11.1% from August 1993 to August 1994 in spite of a decrease for the month ending August 1994 of 23.9%.

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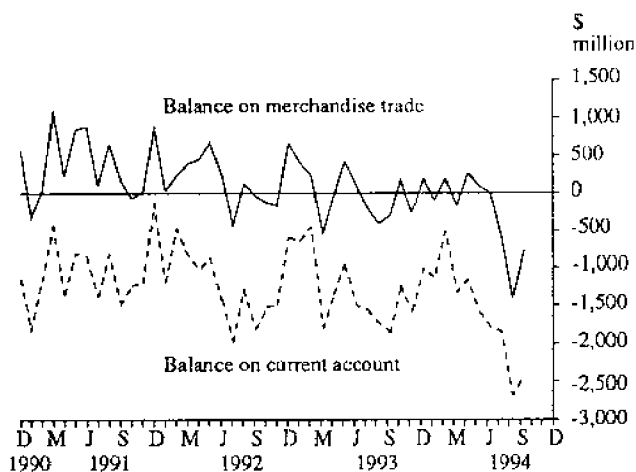
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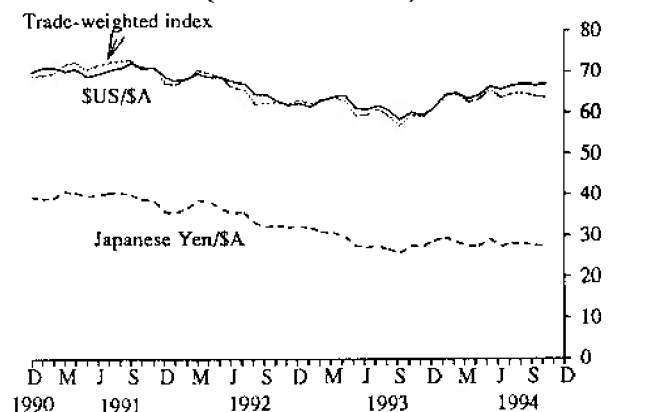
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		1994						%
Balance of payments, Australia								
Exports	\$m	September	5,289	5,298	5,393	5,231	5,413	-2.3
Imports	\$m	September	6,061	6,692	5,975	5,225	5,702	+6.3
Balance on merchandise trade	\$m	September	-772	-1,394	-582	6	-289	..
Balance on goods and services	\$m	September	-1,159	-1,582	-729	-276	-708	..
Net income and unrequited transfers	\$m	September	-1,275	-1,101	-1,116	-1,506	-1,152	..
Balance on current account	\$m	September	-2,434	-2,683	-1,845	-1,782	-1,860	..
Trade and foreign investment								
Foreign trade, <i>Queensland</i>								
Imports	\$m	September	691.1	645.8	603.0	562.1	569.0	+21.5
Exports	\$m	August	1,152.3	1,247.8	941.0	1,048.1	1,152.8	—
Foreign investment in <i>Australia</i>								
Official	\$m	June qtr	-2,497	2,501	4,585	2,297	5,461	..
Non-official	\$m	June qtr	4,343	5,236	930	3,495	3,961	..
Export Price Index: All groups (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)	Index No.	August	90.0	90.6	89.8	89.6	93.2	-3.4
Import Price Index: All groups (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)	Index No.	August	113.2	113.7	112.6	113.3	116.7	-3.0
National accounts, <i>Australia</i> , (current prices, trend)								
Final consumption expenditure								
Private	\$m	June qtr	67,518	66,649	65,710	64,763	64,004	+5.5
Government	\$m	June qtr	20,048	19,443	18,990	18,825	18,879	+6.2
Gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	June qtr	21,435	20,896	20,415	20,079	20,100	+6.6
Exports of goods and services	\$m	June qtr	20,841	20,652	20,450	20,127	19,725	+5.7
Imports of goods and services	\$m	June qtr	21,188	21,025	20,928	20,692	20,259	+4.6
Gross Domestic Product (Income)	\$m	June qtr	108,656	107,003	105,459	104,177	103,001	+5.5
State accounts, <i>Queensland</i> , (current prices, trend)								
Final consumption expenditure	\$m	June qtr	14,124	13,870	13,599	13,401	13,302	+6.2
Gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	June qtr	4,102	3,974	3,901	3,886	3,895	+5.3
State final demand	\$m	June qtr	18,226	17,844	17,500	17,287	17,197	+6.0
Gross State Product (Income)	\$m	June qtr	17,680	17,381	17,080	16,805	16,603	+6.5
Exchange rate levels at end of period (a)								
\$US/\$A		October	0.7422	0.7393	0.7425	0.7393	0.6661	+11.4
Yen/\$A		October	72.25	72.88	73.82	73.86	72.17	+0.1
Trade-weighted index of value of \$A (Base: May 1970 = 100.0)		October	53.1	53.4	53.9	53.9	49.4	+7.5

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. .. not applicable — nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, AUSTRALIA



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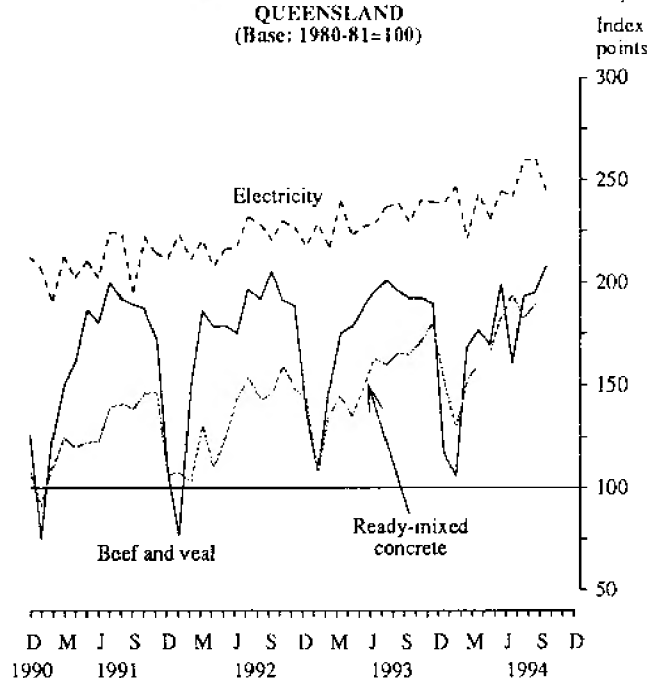


PRODUCTION

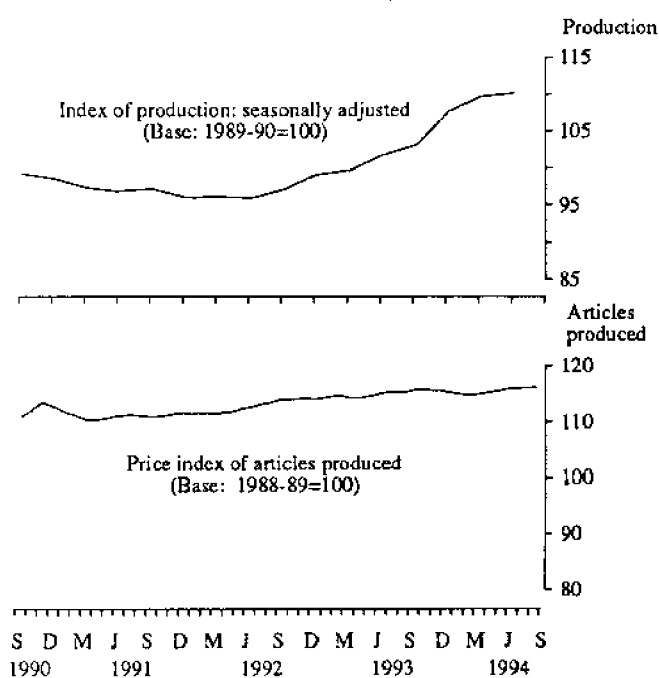
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Selected production statistics, <i>Queensland</i>								
Black coal (saleable) (a)	'000 tonnes	June qtr	21,530	20,081	21,763	22,408	21,625	-0.4
Wheaten flour	tonnes	July	19,267	21,704	20,132	16,550	18,817	+2.4
Ready-mixed concrete	'000 cu m	August	451.3	433.1	460.5	433.6	392.9	+14.9
Clay bricks	'000	August	33,623	28,642	29,476	27,114	30,274	+11.1
Electricity generated	m kWh	September	2,727.9	2,901.8	2,900.2	2,698.5	2,565.3	+6.3
Beef and veal (b)	'000 tonnes	September	75.5	70.8	70.1	58.1	69.7	+8.4
Log timber processed (c)	'000 cu m	Sept. qtr	502.7	406.3	469.9	427.6	454.6	+10.6
Quarterly index of manufacturing production, <i>Australia</i> (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)								
Food, beverages and tobacco	Index No.	June qtr	110.8	111.6	123.4	116.1	112.9	-1.9
Chemicals, petroleum and coal products	Index No.	June qtr	117.2	113.8	115.7	111.7	103.6	+13.1
Basic metal products	Index No.	June qtr	115.8	110.5	119.9	111.2	109.5	+5.8
Transport equipment	Index No.	June qtr	116.2	100.9	101.6	104.0	96.9	+19.9
Total manufacturing	Index No.	June qtr	109.3	104.4	111.3	105.1	100.8	+8.4
Price indexes of articles produced by manufacturing industry, <i>Australia</i> (Base: 1988-89 = 100.0)								
Food, beverages and tobacco	Index No.	August	120.4	120.5	120.6	120.8	120.2	+0.2
Basic metal products	Index No.	August	100.9	101.1	100.4	99.1	100.7	+0.2
Transport equipment	Index No.	August	120.6	120.7	120.1	119.9	117.8	+2.4
Other machinery and equipment	Index No.	August	110.1	110.0	110.0	109.7	109.9	+0.2
All groups	Index No.	August	116.2	116.2	116.1	115.8	115.4	+0.7
Price indexes of materials used in manufacturing industry, <i>Australia</i> (Base: 1984-85 = 100.0)								
Imported	Index No.	August	132.2	131.1	129.2	129.4	133.3	-0.8
Home produced	Index No.	August	122.1	121.9	121.3	119.8	123.9	-1.5
All materials	Index No.	August	125.6	125.1	124.0	123.2	127.1	-1.2

(a) Source: Queensland Coal Board. Periods vary: March and September quarters, 12 weeks; June and December quarters, 14 weeks. (b) Including livestock slaughtered on holdings. (c) Source: Queensland Forestry Service.

INDEX OF VOLUME PRODUCED: SELECTED PRODUCTS, QUEENSLAND
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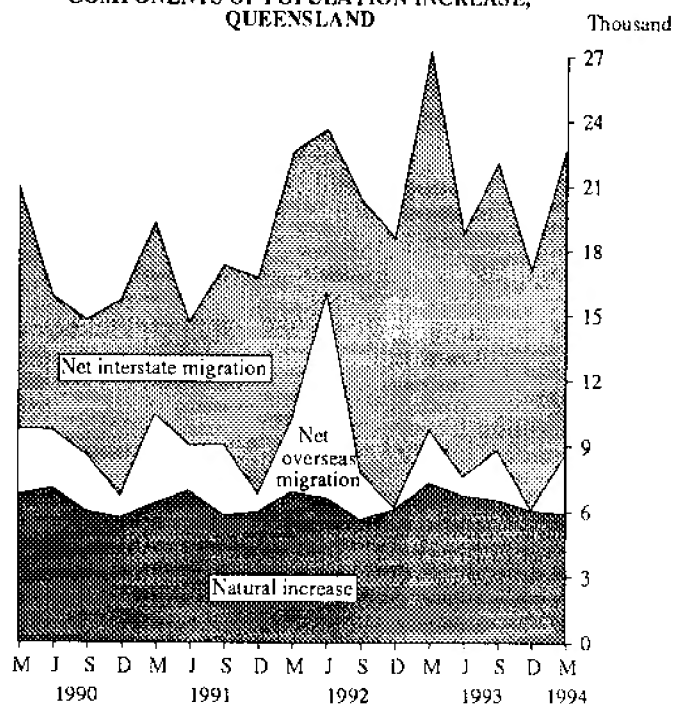


POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND

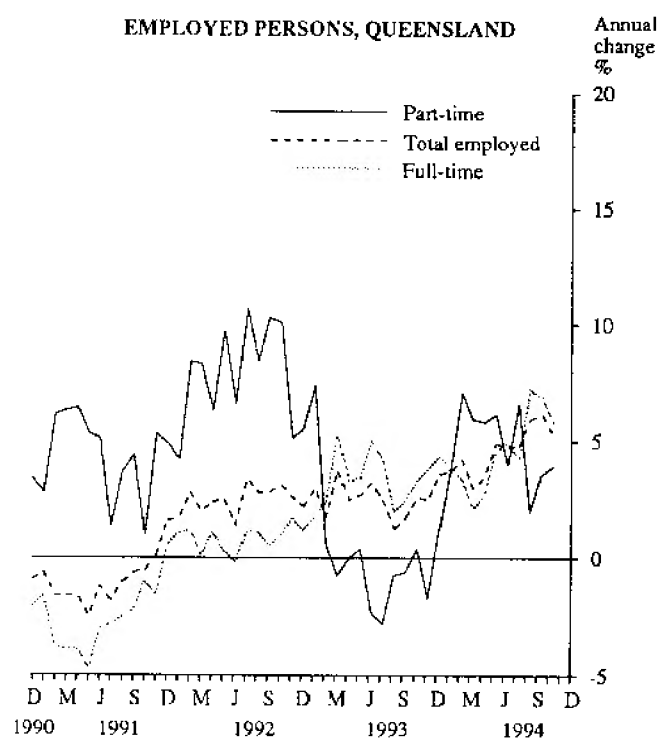
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Estimated resident population at end of period	'000	1994 March qtr	3,178.1	3,155.4	3,138.3	3,116.2	3,099.0	% +2.6
Population increase during period								
Natural increase	No.	March qtr	5,940	6,095	6,551	6,775	7,314	-18.8
Net estimated interstate migration	No.	March qtr	14,052	11,019	13,244	11,229	17,545	-19.9
Net estimated overseas migration	No.	March qtr	2,703	—	2,309	-832	2,439	+10.8
Total	No.	March qtr	22,695	17,114	22,104	17,172	27,298	-16.9
Short-term overseas movement								
Arrivals	'000	August	109.4	110.0	99.8	92.7	102.3	+6.9
Departures	'000	August	119.6	96.1	97.8	93.4	107.5	+11.2
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	'000	October	2,493.8	2,487.8	2,481.8	2,475.9	2,425.0	+2.8
Persons in the labour force	'000	October	1,594.0	1,610.8	1,569.2	1,575.4	1,537.6	+3.7
Employed persons	'000	October	1,466.7	1,470.7	1,433.7	1,435.7	1,392.5	+5.3
Full-time								
Males	'000	October	757.0	758.7	749.3	746.8	723.6	+4.6
Females	'000	October	359.4	357.2	349.8	349.8	331.7	+8.4
Part-time								
Males	'000	October	88.6	84.9	82.4	87.0	86.3	+2.7
Females	'000	October	261.7	269.9	252.3	252.0	250.8	+4.3
Unemployed persons	'000	October	127.3	140.1	135.5	139.7	145.1	-12.3
Males	'000	October	73.9	78.1	77.4	79.7	85.1	-13.2
Females	'000	October	53.4	62.0	58.1	59.9	60.0	-11.0
Unemployment rate								
Males	%	October	8.0	8.5	8.5	8.7	9.5	..
Females	%	October	7.9	9.0	8.8	9.1	9.3	..
Persons	%	October	8.0	8.7	8.6	8.9	9.4	..
Persons aged 15 to 19 years	%	October	16.7	21.3	16.6	18.7	19.7	..

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COMPONENTS OF POPULATION INCREASE, QUEENSLAND



EMPLOYED PERSONS, QUEENSLAND



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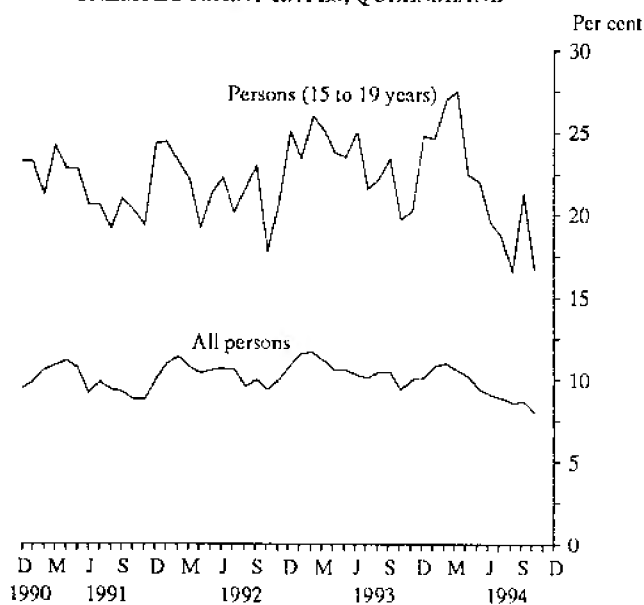
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LABOUR STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND—continued

Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percentage change over year
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		1994						%
Labour participation rate								
Males	%	October	74.5	74.8	74.0	74.5	74.6	..
Females	%	October	53.6	54.9	52.7	52.9	52.4	..
Persons	%	October	63.9	64.8	63.2	63.6	63.4	..
Industry of employed persons (a) (b)								
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	'000	August	85.9	83.2	78.7	87.2	82.8	+3.7
Mining	'000	August	13.6	17.3	17.3	16.2	15.1	-9.9
Manufacturing	'000	August	174.9	176.4	165.7	169.5	158.4	+10.4
Electricity, gas and water supply	'000	August	16.0	14.0	12.5	13.8	13.9	+15.1
Construction	'000	August	142.6	130.8	130.6	125.2	121.7	+17.2
Wholesale trade	'000	August	83.8	85.5	83.4	84.8	85.0	-1.4
Retail trade	'000	August	217.1	227.0	222.4	219.6	208.7	+4.0
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	'000	August	77.0	72.0	72.3	67.6	70.2	+9.7
Transport and storage	'000	August	75.5	71.9	69.6	71.1	72.6	+4.0
Communication services	'000	August	21.4	19.7	22.3	17.9	15.9	+34.6
Finance and insurance	'000	August	41.7	45.4	48.2	44.0	40.0	+4.3
Property and business services	'000	August	127.8	123.5	117.3	108.1	106.8	+19.7
Government administration and defence	'000	August	45.8	54.2	57.5	65.2	68.5	-33.1
Education	'000	August	98.7	99.5	99.7	104.1	98.4	+0.3
Health and community services	'000	August	126.5	118.9	117.2	113.8	115.5	+9.5
Cultural and recreational services	'000	August	29.8	33.3	30.8	27.4	30.1	-1.0
Personal and other services	'000	August	55.7	50.3	50.4	47.9	50.2	+11.0
Total	'000	August	1,433.7	1,423.2	1,396.0	1,383.5	1,353.7	+5.9
Employed wage and salary earners								
Private	'000	March	694.0	697.7	683.6	689.6	666.2	+4.2
Government	'000	March	271.5	266.3	259.6	277.4	288.3	-5.8
Commonwealth	'000	March	44.9	44.8	44.8	45.3	56.3	-20.2
State	'000	March	192.9	188.3	181.7	198.8	197.4	-2.3
Local	'000	March	33.7	33.2	33.1	33.3	34.6	-2.6
Job vacancies (a)	'000	August	12.8	6.1	6.4	6.3	7.0	+83.2
Overtime, average hours per employee (a)	No.	August	1.31	1.29	0.97	1.26	1.04	+25.5
Industrial disputes: Working days lost	'000	July	2.9	17.9	3.6	7.5	13.2	..

(a) Figures collected in a quarterly survey conducted in February, May, August and November. (b) New classification (ANZSIC) replaced previous classification (ASIC) in August 1994. .. not applicable

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, QUEENSLAND

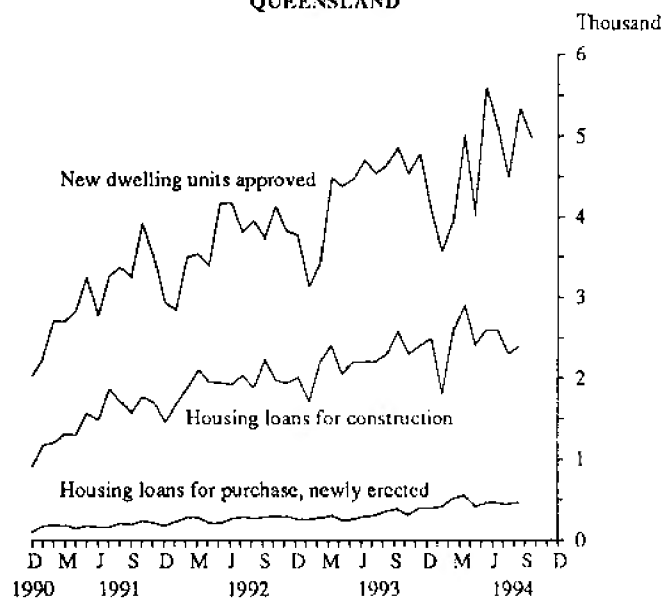


BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

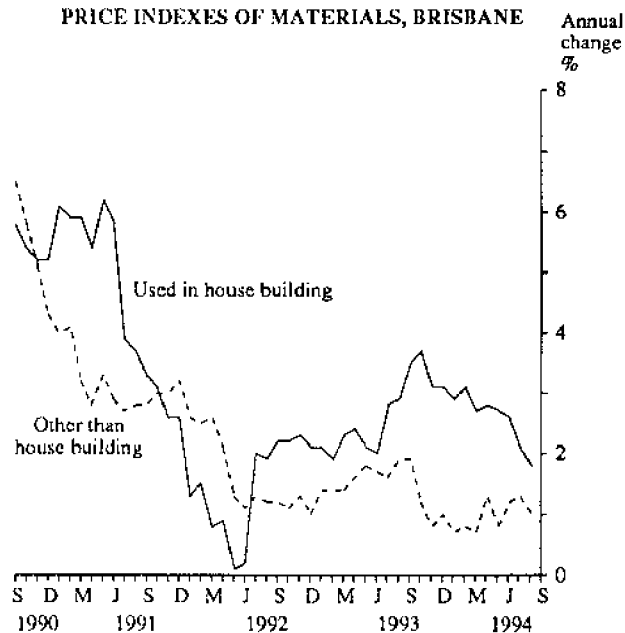
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Selected building statistics, Queensland								
Value of all building approved	\$m	September	566.7	645.3	565.8	625.1	683.3	-17.1
Dwelling units approved								
New houses	No.	September	3,375	3,410	2,982	3,093	3,377	-0.1
New other residential buildings	No.	September	1,611	1,927	1,508	2,024	1,492	+8.0
Total dwelling units	No.	September	4,986	5,337	4,490	5,117	4,869	+2.4
Total dwelling units (trend estimate)	No.	September	4,740	4,769	4,771	4,760	4,499	+5.4
Dwelling units commenced								
New houses	No.	June qtr	9,294	8,054	9,140	9,329	8,629	+7.7
New other residential buildings	No.	June qtr	4,320	3,720	4,500	4,728	4,463	-3.2
Value of all building commenced	\$m	June qtr	1,593.4	1,576.1	1,552.8	1,516.9	1,631.5	-2.3
Housing finance for owner occupation								
All banks	\$m	August	683.9	662.6	724.7	745.4	587.3	+16.5
Permanent building societies	\$m	August	134.2	106.8	143.2	145.9	109.4	+22.6
Other lenders	\$m	August	24.8	19.2	21.8	23.8	16.1	+53.9
Total	\$m	August	843.0	788.6	889.8	915.2	712.9	+18.2
Interest rates on new housing loans:								
All banks (a)	%	September	9.50	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	..
Price indexes, Brisbane								
Materials used in house building (Base: 1985-86 = 100.0)								
All groups	Index No.	August	153.5	153.5	153.1	153.0	150.8	+1.8
Materials used in building other than house building (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)								
Ready-mixed concrete	Index No.	August	116.4	115.6	115.2	115.0	115.0	+1.2
Structural steel	Index No.	August	122.5	122.5	123.2	123.2	116.2	+5.4
All groups	Index No.	August	111.1	111.1	110.7	110.5	110.0	+1.0

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. .. not applicable

NEW DWELLINGS AND LOANS APPROVED, QUEENSLAND



PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS, BRISBANE

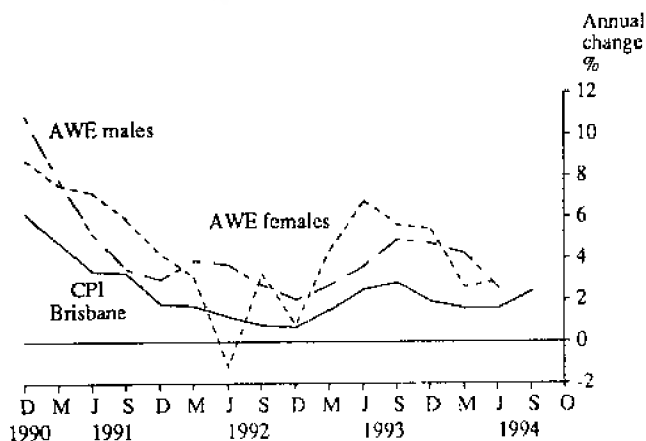


PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING

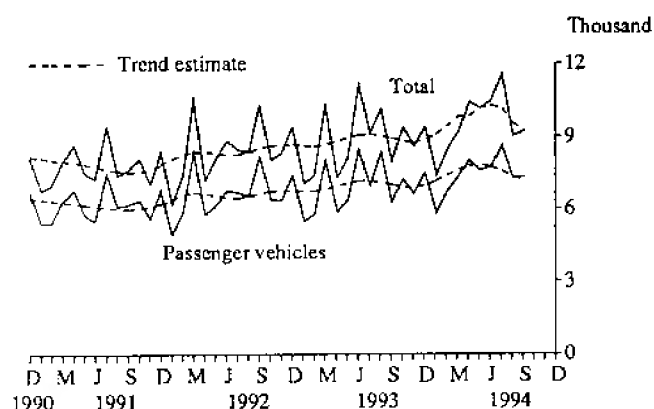
Indicator			Figures for preceding three periods				Figure one year ago	Percentage change over year
	Latest period	Latest figure	One period ago	Two periods ago	Three periods ago			
	1994							
Consumer Price Index, <i>Brisbane</i> (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)								
Food	Index No.	Sept. qtr	110.7	110.2	111.2	110.1	109.4	+1.2
Housing	Index No.	Sept. qtr	101.1	100.7	100.1	99.8	100.4	+0.7
Transportation	Index No.	Sept. qtr	115.8	113.8	112.0	112.3	111.8	+3.6
All groups (a)	Index No.	Sept. qtr	112.5	111.5	110.8	110.2	109.9	+2.4
Average weekly earnings (full-time adult ordinary time), <i>Queensland</i> (b)								
Males	\$	May	616.90	615.60	613.50	603.40	601.90	+2.5
Females	\$	May	516.00	515.80	509.70	511.90	501.40	+2.9
Index of weekly award rates of pay, <i>Queensland</i> (Base: June 1985 = 100.0)								
Full-time adult employees								
Males	Index No.	August	141.5	141.5	141.5	141.5	139.8	+1.2
Females	Index No.	August	143.6	143.6	143.6	142.9	140.8	+2.0
Retail trade, <i>Queensland</i>								
Current prices								
Original series	\$m	September	1,593.0	1,558.3	1,531.4	1,507.5	1,472.0	+8.2
Trend estimate	\$m	September	1,583.6	1,572.9	1,559.0	1,544.6	1,464.1	+8.2
Short-term accommodation, <i>Queensland</i>								
Licensed hotels, motels, etc. with facilities (c)								
Rooms available	'000	June qtr	40.2	40.1	40.1	40.0	40.0	+0.6
Room nights occupied	'000	June qtr	2,202	2,141	2,311	2,419	2,076	+6.1
Room occupancy rate	%	June qtr	60.2	59.4	62.6	65.7	57.1	..
Takings from accommodation	\$m	June qtr	190.5	190.6	203.4	195.5	167.3	+13.8
Self-contained units, flats and houses								
Units available	'000	June qtr	16.7	16.3	16.6	16.2	15.8	+5.5
Unit nights occupied	'000	June qtr	768	863	902	1,063	727	+5.7
Unit occupancy rate	%	June qtr	50.7	58.8	59.1	71.3	50.5	..
Takings from accommodation	\$m	June qtr	42.8	55.7	54.1	57.5	38.2	+11.9
New motor vehicle registrations, <i>Queensland</i>								
Passenger vehicles (d)	No.	September	7,352	7,294	8,649	7,752	6,224	+18.1
Total (e)	No.	September	9,230	9,032	11,636	10,476	7,921	+16.5
Seasonally adjusted								
Passenger vehicles (d)	No.	September	6,627	6,808	8,749	6,995	5,411	+22.5
Total (e)	No.	September	8,591	8,537	11,534	9,270	7,114	+20.8
Trend estimate								
Passenger vehicles (d)	No.	September	7,145	7,355	7,570	7,744	6,986	+2.3
Total (e)	No.	September	9,241	9,574	9,899	10,153	8,933	+3.4

(a) Including also: clothing; household equipment and operation; tobacco and alcohol; health and personal care and recreation and education. (b) The last pay period ending on or before the third Friday of the month shown. Collected February, May, August and November. (c) From December quarter 1993, hotel, motel and guest house establishments with fewer than five rooms have been formally excluded from the scope of this statistical collection. (d) Formerly 'Cars and station wagons'. (e) Excluding motor cycles, plant, equipment and trailers. .. not applicable

PRICES AND EARNINGS, QUEENSLAND



NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, QUEENSLAND



BANKING AND FINANCE, QUEENSLAND

Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percentage change over year
				One period ago	Two periods ago	Three periods ago		
		1994						%
All banks (a)								
Total deposits	\$m	August	31,321	30,991	30,548	30,006	28,323	+10.6
Term deposits (b)	\$m	August	14,054	13,839	13,612	13,419	12,755	+10.2
Other deposits	\$m	August	17,267	17,152	16,936	16,587	15,567	+10.9
Other lending (c)	\$m	August	38,257	37,711	36,867	35,984	31,406	+21.8
Building societies								
Lending operations								
Loans advanced	\$m	August	156.1	149.2	170.0	178.7	128.9	+21.1
Lending commitments unused	\$m	August	238.0	232.3	251.6	244.1	193.2	+23.2
Borrowing operations								
Receipts	\$m	August	1,919.4	2,014.0	1,761.0	1,615.1	1,624.8	+18.1
Withdrawals	\$m	August	1,841.4	1,933.0	1,634.5	1,529.2	1,556.0	+18.3
Personal finance commitments								
All banks	\$m	August	320.2	276.4	324.5	286.0	234.5	+36.6
Credit cooperatives	\$m	August	34.5	35.2	33.0	34.3	30.2	+14.1
Finance companies	\$m	August	96.3	78.1	91.3	93.2	87.4	+10.1
Other	\$m	August	10.6	8.1	11.5	9.9	9.4	+12.4
Total	\$m	August	461.6	397.8	460.2	423.4	361.5	+27.7
Commercial finance commitments								
All banks	\$m	August	1,144.2	957.9	1,153.6	911.3	929.0	+23.2
Finance companies	\$m	August	164.2	191.1	196.0	152.4	110.6	+48.5
Other	\$m	August	71.4	98.0	82.6	73.8	67.6	+5.7
Total	\$m	August	1,379.9	1,247.0	1,432.3	1,137.5	1,107.1	+24.6
Lease finance commitments	\$m	August	115.3	151.5	216.5	143.5	103.8	+11.1

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. (b) Including certificates of deposit. (c) Excluding public sector securities held by banks and commercial lending through intermediaries.

